



Australian Wound Management Association Inc

News Release No 3, July 2006 Highlights: AWMA Committee Meeting 29 & 30 July 2006

Geoff Sussman OAM

Congratulations are extended to Geoff Sussman who was recently awarded and OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours. The award recognises Geoff's significant contribution to Australia via services to Pharmacy. Wound Management and to the Australian Olympic team, particularly diving. A well deserved recognition for your commitment and enthusiasm in promoting best practice in wound management via research and education.

AWMA Conference: Evolving Landscapes: Dreams, Diversity & Disasters. Darwin NT 7-10 May 2008.

Conference planning is progressing well. The Scientific Committee Chair is Allison Cowin. Allison is Head, Skin Research Laboratory, Child Health Research Institute North Adelaide SA. Regular teleconferences of both the Scientific and Organising Committee are held and a draft program has been prepared. Potential key note speakers have been identified and will be invited shortly. It is proposed that the Conference will commence on Wednesday 7 May with a key note presentation followed by the welcome reception and opening of the Trade Exhibition. A site visit of the facilities in Darwin is planned by members of the Organising and Scientific Committee on 3 and 4 November 2006. Members will present at a seminar 0900-1400 on 4th November 2006. The program is designed to stimulate interest in the practice of wound management and the 2008 Conference. At the seminar's conclusion a meeting will be held to ascertain interest in forming a wound management association in the Northern Territory.

6th AWMA Co-hosted Conference Canberra Act March 2006

A CD Rom of papers presented at the recent conference is available by request from Conference Logistics. Placing the papers on the AWMA website is not possible.

Venous Leg Ulcer Guideline Development Committee

Professor David Hardman has accepted the invitation to lead the Venous Leg Ulcer Guideline Development Committee. The first meeting of the steering committee has occurred. Other members of the committee include A/P Michael Woodward, A/P K Carville, Ms Jan Rice, Me Sue Templeton, Mrs Jenny Prentice and Judith Manning.

APUAP

The Chairs of the APUAP have met and A/P Keryln Carville Chair, Governance Committee presented the draft Vision and Goal statements to the AWMA committee. It is envisaged that invitations will be sent out invited to join the Policy, Education and Research subcommittees in the near future. This is a very exciting initiative and provides an opportunity to reduce the occurrence of pressure ulcers in the Australian population.

AWMA Direct Membership

Membership of AWMA is encouraged via state wound management associations however direct membership to AWMA is possible and will be available via the website in the near future. This will enable the Direct Membership (Full) to receive the Journal, Primary Intention, attend AWMA conferences for the AWMA membership fee. It will enable a member to have voting rights on AWMA matters at AGM's or in postal referendums. There are no voting rights for Corporate or Associate categories of AWMA Direct Membership

Primary Intention Newsletter Insert

The first AWMA Newsletter that will provide both AWMA and state association news is planned to be produced in time to be inserted in to the August edition of Primary Intention. AWMA thanks Ms Carol Baines for coordinating the newsletter in cooperation with state newsletter editors. It will be produced twice yearly in August and December.

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